expertise acquired by them in Marketing Division.

(c) and (d) The transfers and posting in the NTC (HC) are effected keeping broadly in view the requirements of efficiency and also the need to give exposure to the employees on the functioning of the various departments of the Holding Company.

Irrigation projects in Bihar

922. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of on-going irrigation projects in Bihar for which Central financial assistance was made available during 1996-97 together with the amount unutilised, target achieved and irrigation potential generated;

(b) the details of Project proposed by the State Government for 1997-98, funds sought and the irrigation potential to be generated;

(c) the details of the action taken by Government thereon and the funds likely to be made available to the State; and

(d) the details of the irrigation Schemes proposed for World Bank assistance by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) During 1996-97 Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme of Rs. 13.5 crores was provided to Government of Bihar for three ongoing projects. The project wise details of Central Loan Assistance provided, expenditure incurred during 1996-97, the amount unutilised and physical achievements is given in Annexure (*See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 23).*

(b) and (c) The Government of Bihar has proposed 13 projects for Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for 1997-98. The details of funds sought, the irrigation potential likely to be created, funds released and likely to be released to these projects is given at Annexure. (*See Appendix 182, Annexure no. 23*).

(d) The Government of Bihar has proposed Subernrekha Multipurpose project phase-II for World Bank Assistance.

गुजरात में विदेशी एजेंसियों द्वारा वित्तपोषित सिंचाई परियोजनाएं

923. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात में विदेशी एजेंसियों द्वारा वित्तपोषित की गई कौन-कौन सी ऐसी परियोजनाएं हैं जो निर्धारित समय में पूरी की जाती हैं;

(ख) हाल के वर्षों में विदेशों से वित्तपोषित की जाने के लिए शामिल की गई नई परियोजनाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ग) किन-किन जिलों में इस परियोजनाओं को कार्यान्वित किया जाएगा; और

(घ) इन परियोजनाओं को समयबद्ध रूप से पूरा करने के लिए राज्य सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शीश राम ओला): (क) से (ग) गुजरात में निम्नलिखित परियोजनाओं की वित्तीय व्यवस्था विदेशी अभिकरणों द्वारा की जा रही है:

क्र॰ सं॰	परियोजना का नाम	जिला	वित्त देने वाले अभिकरण	ऋण की राशि	ऋण की अवधि
1.	सोनवती छप्परवाडी काकडियाम्बा चोंपादबाव की जलाशय क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए गुजरात के विद्यमान बांधों पर हाइड्राप्लस फ्यूस द्वार लगाना	जामनगर राजकोट भरूच भरूच	फ्रांस सहायता	17.86एम फ्रेंच फ्रेंक	जून 1997 से अगस्त, 1998

क्र० सं०	परियोजना का नाम	जिला	वित्त देने वाले अभिकरण	ऋण की राशि	ऋण की अवधि
2.	जलविज्ञान परियोजना	यह कार्य गुजरात राज्य के सभी जिलों में फैला हुआ है।	विश्व बैंक	11.2 एम अमेरिका डालर	सित० 1995 से सित० 2001

(घ) गुजरात सरकार पर्याप्त परिव्यय प्रदान करके परियोजनाओं को निर्धारित समय में पूरा करने के लिए सभी कदम उठा रही है।

Linking of Mahanadi with Godavari and Cauveri with Vaigai

924. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to link river Mahanadi in Orissa with Godavari in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there was also a proposal to link Cauvery with Vaigai in Tamilnadu;

(c) if so, the main reasons for linking these rivers;

(d) whether the feasibility report has been prepared by the experts; and

(e) what further action has been initiated in the matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) is carrying out studies for interlinking of rivers of the Country which includes linking of Mahanadi with Godavari as well as Cauvery with Vaigai for transfer of surplus water to water deficit basins.

(d) Feasibility reports for both the link projects are proposed to be completed by NWDA by the end of IXth Plan.

(e) This Ministry has set up National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan on 13.9.96. One of the terms of reference is to suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water deficit basins by inter-linking of rivers.

Flood in Gujarat

925. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Gujarat has become a flood prone State and it is being affected adversely by the fury of floods year after years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated to the State for flood management sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to increased the allocation in view of the increased threat perception to the State from the fury of floods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Statistics indicate that annual average area affected by flood in the State is only 1.5% of total geographical area of the State. As such flood problem has not been a major concern in the State.

(b) The estimated flood prone area of the State is 13.9 lakh hectares. The amount allocated to the State in Flood Management Sector during last three years, yearwise, is as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	1.6
1995-96	1.6
1996-97	1.6

During 1997-98, allocation of Rs. 5 crores has been made.